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A native of Boston, COL Galloucis completed the Army ROTC program at Northeastern University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June of 1980 on the deck of the U.S.S. Constitution, the oldest commissioned ship in the United States. During his nearly 29 years on active duty, he has served in a variety of leadership and staff positions in the United States, Germany, Korea and Iraq. COL Galloucis has considerable command experience and expertise in two distinct specialties: Military Police Operations and Public Affairs/Media Relations. His key command positions include over three years as a Platoon Leader in Germany; over three years as a Company Commander initially in Korea and later at Fort Hood, Texas; two years as a Battalion Commander at Fort Riley, Kansas; and two and a half years as a Brigade Commander at Fort Hood with 15 months of that time spent in Iraq. He has led organizations ranging in size from 50 to 5,000 people. His key staff positions include: Test and Evaluation Officer and later Branch Chief, Fort McClellan, Alabama; Assistant Brigade Operations Officer and later Brigade Long Range Plans Officer, Fort Hood; Battalion Operations Officer (S3) and later Battalion Executive Officer (XO), Korea; Chief of Security, Force Protection and Law Enforcement, Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA), Pentagon; Chief of Operations in the Army's Office of the Provost Marshal General (OPMG), Pentagon; and as a Strategic Planner within the Army Executive Staff Group, which provided direct support to the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff.

COL Galloucis deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 06-08 as commander of the Fort Hood-based 89th MP Brigade in August 2006 and remained in Iraq through November 2007. In Iraq, COL Galloucis commanded nearly 5,000 Soldiers assigned to four battalions dispersed throughout the country. The brigade was aligned for most of its OIF tour with the 1st Cavalry Division and its battalions provided daily support to three U.S. Army Divisions and a U.S. Marine Expeditionary Force.

COL Galloucis has worked extensively over a 20-year period in the areas of Public Affairs, Media Relations, Internal/Corporate Communications, and Strategic Communications. He served in the Pentagon as a Branch Chief in the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, where he supervised a section of 22 military and civilian personnel and ran the Army News Service, the military equivalent of the Associated Press (AP). His other experiences in Public Affairs and Media Relations include a year as the Media Spokesman for Army Vice Chief of Staff J.H. Binford Peay III, the second-ranking Army officer in the Pentagon at the time; more than three years as the Media Spokesman for Army Chief of Staff General Dennis J. Reimer, the senior officer responsible for running the Army; and a year as the Senior Speechwriter for Army Chief of Staff General Peter Schoomaker. COL Galloucis was also assigned to the Army Operations Center in the Pentagon, where he served as Executive Officer to then-Major General Peter W. Chiarelli, the Army's Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization at the time. COL Galloucis was inside the Pentagon when it was attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001. He helped the Army Staff transition to a wartime posture, orchestrated the Defense Department's first national press conference following the terrorist attacks, and prepared the Army general who led the press conference and briefed reporters.

COL Galloucis is now working in Washington where he serves concurrently as the Deputy Director and Chief of Staff of Defense Media Activity (DMA), aligned under the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). DMA is the most complex media organization in the Federal government and is comprised of 2,000 military and civilian personnel, currently located in eight locations in the United States and at 33 overseas sites, including Afghanistan and Iraq.

Earlier in his career, COL Galloucis spent nearly a year working in the private sector with the *Times-Journal Corporation*, a multi-faceted news organization and with *Advantage International*, a sports marketing company, while participating in the Army's "Training With Industry" (TWI) program. He was a guest instructor in the Sociology Department at the United States Military Academy at West Point for 3 years, where he taught cadets the importance of free press in a democracy and proven principles of media relations. COL Galloucis has appeared on ABC News, C-SPAN, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) radio, National Public Radio (NPR), and Fox Sports Radio, and articles he has written have been published in *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *Military Review*, *Army Times*, *Armed Forces Journal*, *Military Police*, *Today's Officer*, *Army*, *Assembly*, *NCO Journal*, and other publications.

COL Galloucis has been married for 20 years, has a teenage son and daughter and a yellow Labrador retriever. The Galloucis family lives in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.